

Gravel Tech Team Meeting  
Agenda and Meeting Notes  
August 19, 2008 (10 – 12)  
COE Office, Portland

Attendees: Patty Snow, Janine Castro, Bill Yocum, Alex Cyril, Rose Wallick, Judy Linton. Phone: Lori Warner-Dickason, Chuck Wheeler, Robert Elayer.

1. Chetco River Phase 2:

- Update on status/schedule for USGS data collection

*Rose indicated that Scott Anderson has been hired to assist. Most of historical photos have been collected. Week of 25 August will be a 3 day reconnaissance effort – a two week field effort will occur in mid-September. USGS is acquiring equipment for bedload transport studies. Bathymetric mapping also proceeding on schedule: survey will occur week of 19 September.*

- Requirements for development of RGP/GP
  - Timelines
  - Process
  - Identification of activities
  - Preparation of biological assessment

*Judy talked about process for RGP and draft schedule. Proposal is to include a broad range of excavation methods in the public notice and narrow down as appropriate based on USGS work. Shooting for mid-November to issue notice. Patty asked if notice could be moved forward to get more information into the notice. Chuck commented that public angst is with calling the permit a “Regional General” permit because the permits being addressed here are neither “regional” nor “general” according to normal definitions. Need to clarify with public. Suggestion also made that if adaptive management is to be considered it must be included in the public notice.*

*Based on other general discussion regarding process needs for development of RGP the following actions will occur:*

- *Judy will contact Rich Angstrom or Joy Smith to determine whether Chris Lidstone is available to assist in development of Biological Assessment.*
- *Lori and Judy will have a discussion off-line with the Chetco operators to discuss information needs.*
- *Robert will provide a list of extraction methods for the estuary portion of the Chetco.*

- Evaluation of extraction methods (Dennis Halligan handout)
  - Are any of these methods possible on Chetco?

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## 2. Umpqua River Phase 1:

- Update on status/schedule for USGS data collection
- Clarification on Phase 1 details/level of coverage
- Report back on items discussed at July 15 mtg

*Rose indicated USGS will do a drive-by of the Umpqua River starting the week of 25 August. The Phase 1 work will include a detailed look at the South Umpqua (miles 110-175) and a recon level evaluation for the mainstem Umpqua below mile 110 and for the alluvial portion of the North Umpqua River. The USGS views Phase 1 as a scoping effort which the Tech Team can use to make further recommendations.*

*General discussion followed regarding an email from Chris Lidstone regarding concerns about the potential need to look at the estuary portion of the Umpqua River along with the detailed evaluation of the South Umpqua. It was agreed the best approach is to send the email to the group so all can see the comments first hand and then to have further discussion at the next Tech Team meeting.*

## 3. Reporting Inconsistencies

- Development of basic data needs all agencies can adopt

*The subject of inconsistent agency requirements individual gravel mining permits came up at the August 6 Gravel Round-Table meeting. In some instances, these inconsistencies have resulted in added cost for the operators. Janine has started to pull together a list of requirements with the focus being to identify those items that are really needed for monitoring purposes. Bill has also started to go through all the requirements from permits issued for the Freeman Rock operation. Tech Team will then review these lists and see if we can come up with a single set of requirements that will satisfy needs of all agencies.*

## 4. Any updates or discussions from Gravel Round-Table meeting?

*Judy asked group for input on what assistance Gravel Round-Table folks can provide to the overall watershed evaluation of gravel mining. Concerns were expressed about their role and that the meetings are diluting the Tech Team efforts. A suggestion was made that public education and outreach may be a fit – perhaps they could assist in coordinating public meetings. Another suggestion was having some of the Round-Table folks join the Tech Team and/or Exec Team.*

## 5. Other items?

*Janine indicated Monty will continue to attend Executive Team meetings for the next few months. Paul Henson will attend the August Exec meeting and will eventually take over as the FWS representative on the Executive Team.*

*Chuck indicated he and Ken Phippen are trying to schedule time with Kim Kratz to bring him up to speed on issues that have been discussed by the Tech Team.*

*Janine will send final version of Sediment Considerations paper to Judy for distribution to rest of Tech Team.*

6. Next steps and future meeting dates

*a. Lori and Judy will schedule a conference call with the Chetco River operators to discuss information needed for the RGP/GP public notice.*

*b. Robert will provide a list of extraction methods specific to the Chetco estuary.*

*c. Judy will send email chain regarding concerns expressed by Chris Lidstone to Tech Team for their review and follow-up discussion at next meeting.*

*d. Janine and Bill will complete their efforts to pull together a list of reporting requirements and provide to Tech Team. The team will discuss these requirements at a future meeting with the intent of coming up with a standard list.*

*Next meeting is scheduled for October 1 at the Corps offices from 10-12.*